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While I think regulation is a necessary tool to ensure fairness and equity in commerce as stated in the Constitution, I feel the government has succumbed to the interests of several corporations attempting to gain competitive advantage through litigation. When I read the information leading up to the Anti-Trust laws, the predominant theme is "harm to the consumer". Further, there is substance to expanding that to include damage to "the competitive nature of business", however, I cannot see any merit to the claims that the corporations attempting to bring about this lawsuit have been damaged in that sense. Nor can I find "harm to the consumer" in any of my daily activities associating with the people the DOJ is attempting to "protect".

I urge you to cease the nonsensical litigation against Microsoft and any company for that matter, that would produce substantial harm to the economy. If you continue to pursue the litigation and bring about substantial repression of the companies productivity and innovation, I would then recommend a Anti-trust suit against those who cause the resulting harm to the consumer.....

Thank you for your time.
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